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## REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL CONFERENCE

Sir:

Concurrently filed with this Request is a Notice of Appeal. According recent announcements of Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property Jon Dudas, the undersigned hereby requests an Appeal Conference, and requests that the results of the Appeal Conference be transmitted to the undersigned prior to the date an Appeal Brief is due. If any fee is required to accommodate this request, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 09-0441 (IBM Almaden).

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